



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q63468

Masao YOSHIDA

Appln. No.: 09/817,235

Group Art Unit: 2875

Confirmation No.: 8081

Examiner: PAYNE, SHARON E.

Filed: March 27, 2001

For: BUTTON FOR AN ELECTRIC DEVICE AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING  
LIGHTING OF THE BUTTON

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, along with a copy of the corresponding Communication from a Foreign Patent Office.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing

RECEIVED  
DEC 12 2002  
TC 2800 MAIL ROOM

#10  
D. Scott  
2-13-03

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

U.S. Appln. No.: 09/817,235

concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a Foreign Patent Office in a counterpart application citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

*Darryl Mexic* Reg. No. 38,551

Darryl Mexic  
Registration No. 23,063

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC  
Telephone: (202) 293-7060  
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

WASHINGTON OFFICE



23373

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date: December 11, 2002



## PATENT APPLICATION

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q63468

Masao YOSHIDA

Appln. No.: 09/817,235

Group Art Unit: 2875

Confirmation No.: 8081

Examiner: PAYNE, SHARON E.

Filed: March 27, 2001

For: BUTTON FOR AN ELECTRIC DEVICE AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING  
LIGHTING OF THE BUTTON

### STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed  
concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a  
counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information  
Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

*Darryl Mexic*

Darryl Mexic  
Registration No. 23,063

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC  
Telephone: (202) 293-7060  
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

WASHINGTON OFFICE



23373

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date: December 11, 2002

RECEIVED  
DEC 12 2002  
TC 2800 MAIL ROOM